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Ceremony held for Army veteran



Dozens of veterans gathered to honor World War II veteran and two-time Purple Heart recipient Phil Girard on Aug. 15.

Two-time Purple Heart recipient honored

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – An American hero was honored last Saturday morning outside of the South Hadley Town Hall. Phillip Girard, a U.S. Army veteran, and two-time Purple Heart recipient served valiantly during World War II was the man of honor on Aug. 15.

"I'm excited; I really am. I'm surprised; I didn't expect this," said Girard. "It just goes to show that everybody was interested in me; every one of them. I look forward to days like this; where people can come over and talk to you. I think it was a great ceremony and think it's a great honor."

Several dozen family members, friends and veterans attended the Aug. 15 celebration. Local veterans' organizations are hard at work honoring World War II veterans as the 75th anni-

versary of the conflict's conclusion approaches on Sept. 2.

Last Saturday, the American Legion Franklin-Hampshire District 2 presented Girard with a Certificate of Honor, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart USA and Massachusetts Combat Wounded Veterans gifted Girard a flag that recently flew atop the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C.

Girard was wounded in combat twice in 1945 during the closing stages of the war. Rep. Dan Carey of the 2nd Hampshire District attended the weekend ceremony, paying homage to a member of "American's greatest generation," as he put it.

"It was such a different world back then; the things these men saw and went through," said Carey. "It's so important to remember their sacrifices, especially as the years and decades go by; there's fewer and fewer people left who served that you can look in the eye and say, 'Thank you.'"

Brian Willette, the Massachusetts Commander of the Mil-

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Photos by Dalton Zbierski

Joined by her husband Mark, Barbara Herbert pays homage to her father Phillip Girard on Aug. 15.

BOH discusses large gathering

Attendees of large events urged to get tested

By Melina Bourdeau
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SOUTH HADLEY – As COVID-19 cases increase in town, the Board of Health recently discussed recommending residents get tested for the disease if they have attended events with a lot of attendees following a recent event that exceeded 100 people.

Board of Health member Karen Walsh posed the question of whether it would be reasonable to "request citizens who attended meeting or events above

100 take advantage of free testing in Springfield."

"I am concerned about spiking due to events above the recommended level," Walsh said. "I want to ensure public health of the town."

Public Health and Emergency Management Director Sharon Hart said the town cannot require residents to get tested.

A recent event at Brunelle's Marina on Aug. 7 was mentioned by the board.

"I think this topic should be brought up. The Department of Labor Standards and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health gave (the organizers) guidance, the guidance wasn't followed," she said. The Department of Labor Standards discussed potential fines, she said.

The event included speeches from the South Hadley class of 2020, as well as a stage students walked across, according to organizer Jessica Jackson, who added the event was a protest of the town's recent approach to events.

It was held on the same day South Hadley High School held its drive-up graduation ceremony for students throughout the day. In late July, the South Hadley School Committee opted to have a drive-up ceremony after being informed by the town that the committee members would be personally held liable if anyone got sick.

Jackson said the event was planned by parents as a protest

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Covid count reaches new high

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

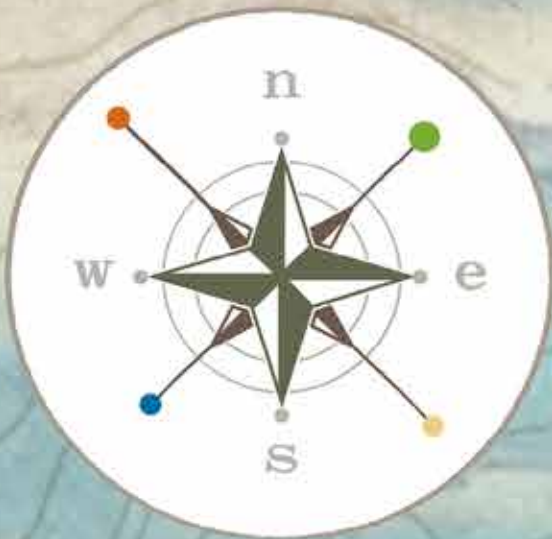
SOUTH HADLEY – Another week has passed, and South Hadley's COVID-19 case count is not only rising; it's reached an all-time high. Town Administrator Michael Sullivan expressed his concern regarding a case load that won't lessen.

"It's the first time that we've seen the number of active cases rise to over 200 so we continue to grow," he said. "The confirmed cases are at 203 as

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Attorney hired to investigate Morse's conduct

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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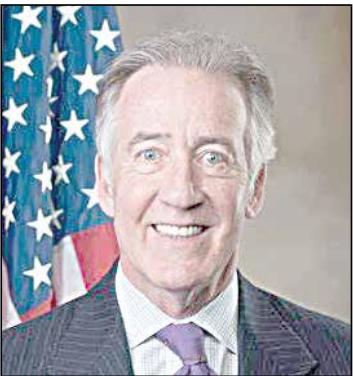
HOLYOKE – As time continues to wane to the Sept. 1 state primary, the battle between Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse and U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts, heated up with the start of an investigation by the University of Massachusetts.

Morse has also gone on the attack, accusing the College Democrats, who spearheaded the timing of the letter, which accused Morse of having inappropriate sexual relationships with students at the school while he was a lecturer at UMass.

Neal's campaign has denied having any part of the "smear job" Morse is claiming. Morse believes the letter published by the Daily Collegian, a UMass publication, was done to sabotage his candidacy, and blames



Alex Morse



Richard Neal

Neal's campaign for its release. Morse has released a statement admitting to using dating apps to initiate sexual relationships with students, and acknowledged having such relationships with students attending UMass. Multiple times in multiple publications and forums, Morse has denied using his position of power for sexual gain. He said all his sexual relationships have been consensual and none were with students he was directly teaching.

Natashia Tidwell, a partner at Boston law firm, Saul Ewing, Arnstein & Lehr, has agreed to launch an investigation on behalf of UMass into Morse's behavior.

She will likely conduct many interviews and will be searching for impropriety and Title IX violations committed by Morse.

It is not clear how long an investigation will take, but it is likely to go well behind the Sept. 1 primary. If Morse is unsuccessful in his campaign, the investigation into his contact will have more local impact in his home city of Holyoke, where councilors are calling for investigations and a couple for his resignation.

Morse said in a public statement last week that he welcomes any investigation and believes any investigation will clear him of any possible wrongdoing. He has denied violating any UMass policies.

Morse was a part-time lecturer at UMass from 2014 to 2019, teaching political studies. Morse was just 25-years-old when he was hired. UMass has announced Morse was not re-hired for the fall semester. The College Democrats of Massachusetts, which wrote the letter in the Daily Collegian, have disinvited Morse from attending their events in the future.

According to UMass, their policy does not explicitly ban romantic relationships between faculty and students. It does ban relationships between faculty and students in which the faculty member has direct involvement with that student's education experience at the university, which as being an instructor or even an advisor for an extracurricular activity.

While not banned, student-faculty relationships are "strongly discouraged."

Neal and Morse were set to meet in debates this week where the issue could come up depending on the style of debate.

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of (Wednesday) Aug. 19, and the contact cases, people who are likely to have the virus and may have been tested and are waiting for a test result, is 195. That's not accumulative."

In his administrator's report, Sullivan wrote South Hadley Health Director, Sharon Hart and State Senator Jo Comerford (D-Northampton) updated him that there are 18 confirmed cases that were logged into the MAVEN system which "will not appear in the mapping system until next week, but will send us clearly into the 'red.'"

He added the new cases' age group "will be 19 to 21 years old and be related to an apartment party (still unclear if it was in South Hadley or a nearby community)."

The number of residents who have succumb to the coronavirus remains at 25. However, there is no denying that South Hadley

has a mounting COVID-19 problem on its hands.

"In the two most important categories, confirmed and contact, we're up pretty significantly. We're very close to the 400 mark of active cases in town. We continue to see it grow," said Sullivan. "At the end of the day, people have to take more personal responsibility. We keep on encouraging people to do the right thing; to take the right steps."

The right steps include but are not limited to: wearing a mask, maintaining appropriate social distance, being respectful of others, washing hands and staying home when there is no pressing need to leave the household. Sullivan stated that extended contact can create precarious circumstances, especially indoors.

"When interaction is less than five minutes, studies are showing that those brief interactions are not nearly as [dangerous] as those interactions that occur in crowded spaces for over 15 minutes," said Sullivan. "We'd like people to play it safe."

Earlier this month, it was announced that Mount Holyoke College will not host classes on campus this fall; the entirety of the semester will use remote learning. Sullivan was relieved to learn of the development.

"The news that Mount Holyoke College is not coming back into session, although it's going to have an economic impact, from a Covid perspective that was good news, and we appreciate the college making that tough decision," said Sullivan.

Sullivan is confident that the action will benefit the safety of South Hadley's residents. He again acknowledged that the empty college campus will challenge local businesses but feels strongly that the move will help to prevent a potential outbreak in town.

"We certainly want to be welcoming, but at this time in

history, it's very difficult to have people from possible hot spots coming into your community," said Sullivan. "Even with the restrictions that are in place, we've seen outbreaks at Notre Dame and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and other colleges. We certainly are much smaller than the communities that host those larger colleges, and the strain on our health system would have been significant."

The town acknowledges the possibility that a second surge of the virus could be lurking around the corner as the weather chills. From collecting PPE to enhancing contact tracing, Sullivan assured residents that South Hadley is doing all that it can to be ready.

Town Hall is leading the charge on operating safely in the workplace. In the past two weeks, four Town Hall employees were marked as contact cases but all tested negative for COVID-19; otherwise, all is well inside Town Hall..

"We want to make sure that people are protected at work; we want to make sure that we have enough hand sanitizer," said Sullivan. "We've had a number of people call about Town Hall staying closed. We have a responsibility to protect our employees and want to make sure that peoples' services are provided but also have to make sure that we stay healthy."

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CORRECTION

In the Aug. 14, Town Reminder, the story "South Hadley graduation a 'semicolon' for senior's career" incorrectly identified graduate Jennifer Martinez.

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Street sign misspelling turned opportunity to pay homage

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – In the process of correcting a misspelling, the city of Chicopee brought new honor to a fallen service member. David Ferguson, a Chicopee resident and U.S. Airman, was killed on Aug. 6, 1945 when his plane was shot down over the Himalayas.

To recognize Ferguson’s ultimate sacrifice, the city named a small road off of Memorial Dr. “Ferguson Street” Unfortunately, the street sign’s spelling was erroneous, a mistake that was brought to light by 85-year-old Granby resident Albert Bail, who befriended Ferguson as a child in Chicopee.

“This fellow named Albert Bail was a childhood friend; he was a little guy watching big Dave Ferguson go off to war. He idolized David,” said Brian Willette, Massachusetts Commander of the Purple Heart.

Stephanie Shaw, Director of the Veterans Services Dept., was alerted to the misspelling last year but was unable to resolve the issue prior to the pandemic. When Willette contacted Shaw days before Purple Heart Day on Aug. 7, the two veterans teamed up with the Department of Public Works to right the mistake.

“It had taken enough time and needed to be buttoned up,” said Shaw. “I called the DPW and was really grateful for their willingness to support this request and to correct the error.”

Instead of merely changing the street sign, Willette, Shaw and the DPW rallied to honor Ferguson. The DPW produced a new marker that features a combination of an American flag and a POW MIA flag.

“Having the POW MIA sign on there really indicates that this is someone who is still missing,” said Shaw, alluding to the fact that Ferguson’s body was never recovered. “I would never want to see Ferguson St. have its name changed to something else. I want to make sure that those

streets that were dedicated to service members stay dedicated to those people.”

On Aug. 7, a small ceremony was held on Ferguson Street as the new street sign was unveiled. Bail produced a bugle gifted to him by Ferguson in 1943 and used the instrument to play Taps one final time.

“They put the sign up,” said Willette. “I called [Bail] that Monday and said that Friday night is Aug. 7; we have to do something. Right away, he said I’m going to get my lips in shape and am going to sound Taps, and he did. It all came together; it was a beautiful ceremony. His family came.”

For Shaw, the ceremony was a representation of what makes the city great. She’s proud to serve a community that takes pride in honoring its veterans and hopes that all of Chicopee’s fallen service members receive the recognition that they deserve.

“Chicopee has over 40 dedicated monuments, streets, spaces, buildings and schools [named after veterans],” said Shaw. “Without rejuvenated efforts like this, they just sort of fall into the background and merely



Dave Ferguson, a U.S. Airman and Chicopee native, was shot down during World War II. His body was never recovered, but a street sign in Chicopee bears his name in his honor.



Photos courtesy of Brian Willette

Ferguson Street in Chicopee, named for a fallen soldier, had the spelling of its name corrected thanks to the effort of 85-year-old Granby resident Albert Bail.

become things that you drive by frequently. Staying in touch with these memories and having ceremonies reminds us of the history that we tend to lose sight of.”

Seventy-seven years after Bail last saw Ferguson, he con-

tinues to honor the man who positively impacted his life as a youth. He thanked the city for taking the necessary actions.

“At 85-years-old, I still hope his remains will be discovered,” said Bail. “Nevertheless, I still

remember his gift of a bugle, which played a large role in my life. Thank you for listening.”

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Last week Brian Willette, Massachusetts Commander of the Purple Heart, honored David Ferguson, a Chicopee resident and U.S. Airman, was killed on Aug. 6, 1945. Ferguson has a street named after him in Chicopee.



Granby resident, Albert Bail plays Taps on bugle given to him by World War II Airman Dave Ferguson in 1943 at ceremony honoring the airman last week.

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after the town was inconsistent with enforcing COVID-19-related policies on large gatherings, including the South Hadley graduation.

“We are protesting the fact the town allowed other gatherings, but not an in-person graduation ceremony,” Jackson said. “We wanted to be treated fairly and we weren’t, the kids weren’t. The town hasn’t been consistent with other gatherings that have happened recently.”

Attendees of the event were required to wear masks throughout and sit in chairs or a group of chairs that were spaced 10 feet apart. Graduates in attendance were only allowed to take off their masks as they walked across the stage, and microphones and railings were cleaned between each person, according to Jackson.

“We took extreme measures because this is not a fake

“We are protesting the fact the town allowed other gatherings, but not an in-person graduation ceremony.”

– Jessica Jackson

pandemic,” Jackson said. “The (graduate) area was closed off from the protesters as well.”

Luke Brunelle Jr., owner of Brunelle’s Marina, said he allowed the group to use his property.

“I don’t think it could have been done better,” he said. “It was organized by parents and they handled everything, I think they kept the event safe.”

He also expressed sympathy

with the group of parents.

“They were given a hard time with the Health Department,” Brunelle said. “There was a lot of frustration.”

In an email Town Administrator Mike Sullivan said, “the event at the Boathouse/Brunelle’s Marina was not a municipality-authorized event, it was privately held and not sanctioned by any municipal department.”

Sullivan said the event was held “on private property and the Health Department which oversees enforcement and compliance for COVID-19 standards set by the commonwealth is aware and did inform the responsible property agent of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines prior to the event.

“I can assure you the Health Department will continue to follow the guidelines and notify the DPH of the activities surrounding the event and others like it for their review and investigation,” Sullivan said.

Hart reported the department was notified about the event during the week of Aug. 7, and reached out to the organizers. She echoed Sullivan’s statement that it was not a town or school-sponsored event.

“We spoke with (the event organizers) and advised them of the guidelines – we let them know the event was limited to 100 people,” Hart said.

There was a crowd of over 150 people according to ariel footage of the event posted on Facebook.

Hart said the event would be included on the Board of Health’s next meeting agenda.

More than anything else, Hart emphasized that people who were experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested.

“The Health Department has been tracking this virus and its symptoms,” Hart said. “This virus knows you – I’ve spoken to people who said they thought they had a sinus infection be-

cause they get them, but it was COVID. Someone else reported they had migraines and typically get them, but it was COVID. Please, if you have any symptoms, get tested.”

Symptoms of COVID-19 include according to the CDC.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus. This list does not include all the possible symptoms.

People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

South Hadley early voting

Staff Report

SOUTH HADLEY – Early voting for the September primary will take place next week at the South Hadley Public Library at the following times:

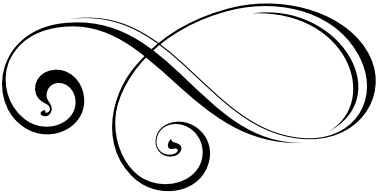
- Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 27 from 3 to 7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Because of traffic concerns and social distancing guidelines, in person library services will not be available while voting is taking place.

The library will continue to offer telephone at 413-538-5045 and online support Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library patrons picking up materials are asked to plan their visits around scheduled voting times.

For more information about voting and voter registration, please contact the Town Clerk’s office at 413-538-5017.



Cold Hill project one step closer

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

GRANBY – The Granby Board of Selectmen looked favorably upon the prospects of an independent project that must receive the town’s blessing. During its Aug. 17 meeting, the board discussed a potential sewer line extension on Cold Hill Rd.

When the discussion concluded, Selectboard member motioned that the board approve plans for the Cold Hill Rd. sewer project contingent upon South Hadley’s review and approval of them. Selectboard member Jay Joyce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

“Basically, this is a sewer line extension up in the Cold Hill Rd. area of Granby. It involves four properties,” said Town Administrator Christopher Martin. “The first one is 85 Cold Rd., the second one is for 81 Cold Hill Rd., the third one is for 79 Cold Hill Rd. and the last one is for 75 Cold Hill Rd. They want to connect to our sewer pipe that is up in the area.”

Martin reported he reviewed the plans with DPW Director David Desrosiers, adding that “we don’t see an issue with it.” The board supported the project, but Martin explained there was a contingency.

“We would like the board to approve it contingent upon South Hadley being able to review the plans and be able to make comments if they have any concerns with the proposal,” said Martin,

citing the road’s close proximity to the northern border of South Hadley.

Desrosiers attended the online meeting and was able to provide more details pertaining to the Cold Hill Rd. project. The four proposed houses would tie into a sewer system operated by the town of Granby, and Desrosiers mentioned several minor reservations that pertained to maintenance.

“We’ve had a few concerns with the easements the way that they were originally drafted; the wording and such putting the maintenance and pretty much the responsibility for the proponents along the mane that is off of the town right away,” said Desrosiers. “In other words, they’re responsible for that section. We would assist them if we could. I don’t foresee a lot of maintenance on it, but we just tweaked the wording a little bit so it’s picking up an area of the town that’s already sewered.”

One of the houses involved in the proposed project is already connected to the sewer line. As part of the project, the property owner would change a pump that goes down “the other side of Cold Hill Rd.” to a gravity fed system to eliminate pumping costs.

Joyce voiced a concern of his own, also related to maintenance costs. He directed his inquiry at Desrosiers.

“The only question that I had when I read it is it said the town is going to be responsible for routine maintenance,” said Joyce. “Is there some kind of document that says what routine maintenance is so we don’t get into a ‘he said,

she said’ [debate]?” Desrosiers acknowledged that there are no guidelines outlying what qualifies as routine maintenance. In response, Joyce asked if he thinks maintenance guidelines should be established “so they don’t bill the town,” and Desrosiers quickly answered.

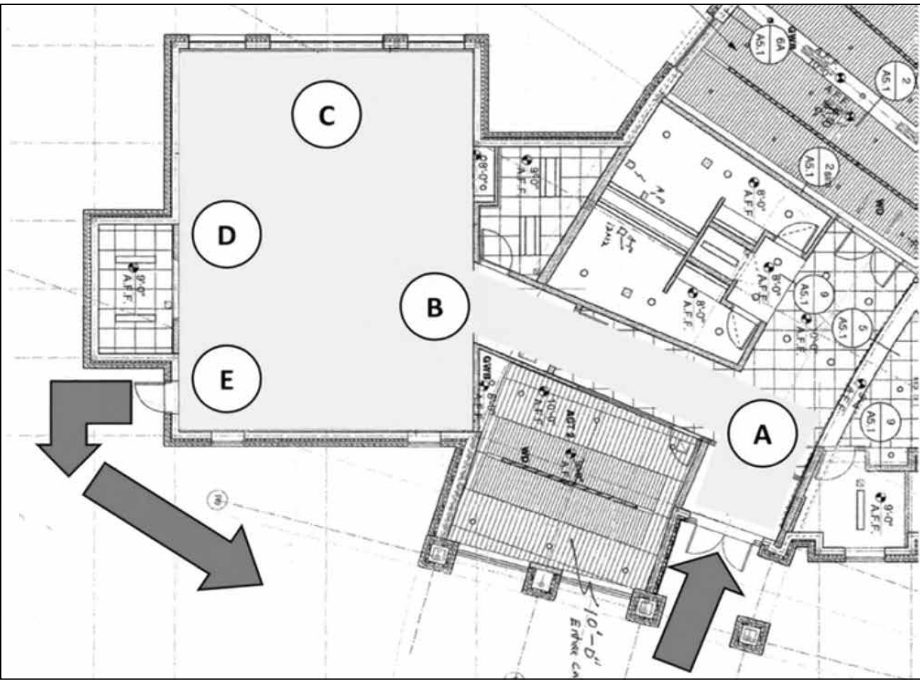
“I don’t know that they can bill the town for anything,” he said. “The sewer commissioners have the final say on that anyways. If they made a compelling case on a single argument saying, ‘We don’t have the equipment to wash a manhole. Could you do that?’ I might be inclined to agree with them that that’s more or less typical maintenance that we currently do on the rest of the system.”

Desrosiers did offer insight into what routine maintenance normally consists of. He does not consider the replacement of a sewer pipe to fall under that category.

“There are a number of routine maintenance items that we do with all manhole inspections that the DEP mandates, basically,” said Desrosiers. “Typically, manhole cleaning; we might spray down with our vac truck if there as a buildup on a manhole, but replacement of pipe would not be considered routine maintenance, in my opinion.”

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Early voting finds new home



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SOUTH HADLEY – Early voting in South Hadley has been a successful endeavor since its implemented in 2016, as residents have flocked to the polls in record numbers prior to Election Day. This year, the town hopes to achieve the same success under a new format.

On Aug. 12, South Hadley Community Television released the fourth video tutorial in a series that is covering what residents can expect leading up to the Sept. 1 Massachusetts Primary. The latest installment tackled all the information pertinent to early voting.

“Early voting has become a very popular alternative to voting at the polls on Election Day, which in South Hadley occurs at the high school,” said narrator Pricilla Mandrachia, a volunteer poll worker.

Town Clerk Carlene Hamlin has expressed on multiple occasions that South Hadley’s early voting turnout has been at or near the highest in the state consistently over the past four years.

In the past, early voting has occurred in Hamlin’s office inside of the Town Hall at 116 Main Street. For several reasons, the destination has temporarily changed.

“Early voting has been held in the Town Hall in the past, but that will not be the case this year. The physical layout of that office does not permit a traffic flow that can accommodate the physical distancing so important in keeping us all safe from COVID-19,” said Mandrachia.

Early voting for the upcoming primary will now occur in the Community Room of the South Hadley Public Library at 2 Canal Street. Amid a pandemic, the library offers a much more comfortable atmosphere for residents to vote prior to the election.

“I think you’ll agree that the South Hadley Public Library offers a safe and convenient spot for early voting. There is ample parking, easy handicapped access and sufficient room for proper physical distancing,” said Mandrachia.

All voters will be asked to wear masks, and masks will be available for those who

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5. Speech in one's honor
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14. Not ingested
15. More lacking in taste
18. "Popeye" cartoonist
19. Helps to reduce speed
21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
23. Georgian currency
24. Proverb expressing a truth
28. Jewish calendar month
29. Volume measurement
30. Fair-skinned
32. Patti Hearst's captors
33. Have already done
35. Touch lightly
36. Autonomic nervous system
39. Plant part
41. College degree
42. Military alliance
44. Tokyo's former name
46. Carpenter's tool
47. Before
49. Consent to receive
52. Passages
56. The Duke of Edinburgh
58. Utter repeatedly
60. Linked together in a chain
62. Quality that evokes pity
63. Maintained possession of

CLUES DOWN

1. U.S. military school
2. Controls
3. Away from wind
4. Grab quickly
5. Being everlasting
6. Vase
7. Atomic #3
8. Type of medication
9. Encircle with a belt
10. Belonging to you
12. American state
13. City in Zambia
16. Good Gosh!
17. Of the country
20. Helsinki district
22. 36 inches
25. Reporters' group
26. The voice of Olaf
27. Explains in detail
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Opinion

GUEST COLUMN

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

Last week, I had to stop on two different occasions to let wild turkey hens and their polts cross the road. Both times the turkeys included several hens with their broods. There was a time when wild turkeys no longer existed in the state. A reintroduction of these native birds proved successful. Now, people see wild turkeys on a regular basis. The wild turkey is easily identified by its turkey shape and large size, 36 to 49 inches. Its body is brown and iridescent. The head is naked. The male or Tom is larger and more iridescent than the female. The male also has a beard, a tuft of hair like feathers on its breast. The female usually lacks the beard, but there are some bearded hens. Wild turkeys inhabit open forest, forest edges and wooded swamps. They feed on the ground eating nuts, acorns and seeds. They also eat grains, vegetation, insects, frogs and lizards. The hen turkey lays six to 20 eggs with buff marks placed in a nest placed in a natural or scraped depression on the ground. The hen lines the nest with leaves and grasses. The females raise the young. Wild turkeys make gobbling, yelping and clucking noises. In courtship, the male struts and gobbles with its tail feathers fanned. The female responds with a yelping call. Males may mate with many females during the breeding season.

Bear with two cubs

Last week, about two hours before I saw a flock of hens and their polts, I saw a black bear female with two cubs cross in about the same area of the road. I was glad to be in my car and not walking along the road. There were two cars behind me. One car pulled off the road on the side the trio entered a wooded area. The driver most likely hoped to see them again as they walked in the woods.

A talked to a resident of the area and she said she has seen two females each with two cubs.

Cardinal in the sun

Last week, a male cardinal landed on a fallen hemlock in my backyard. He perched on a branch in full sunlight. His red feathers and black marks on the face stood out in the sunlight.

Great blue heron

I still see a great blue heron at Long Pond in Rutland. He is either near shore or wading in a shallow part of the pond farther from shore.

Hummingbirds

The ruby-throated hummingbirds are still here. They visit my nectar feeders frequently. I continue to clean and fill the two feeders every other day. I recently purchased a top filling nectar feeder. It is so much easier to clean than the other feeder that I have.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.



GUEST COLUMN

Tender herbs need not disappear with the first frost

As we approach Labor Day, my mind drifts back to an article I read as a teenager, long before I was ever the Garden Lady. It talked about extending the life of tender herbs, plants like rosemary, scented geraniums, fruity sages and the like that don't survive a New England winter. Up until that point, I would dig these plants up before the first hard frost and try overwintering them in my house. Not an easy feat when living in a well-insulated ranch style home. We did OK, even managing to keep a rosemary alive for several years in a row, but there was a better, more space-conscious way to save these plants from Jack Frost. Simply take a cutting!

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success. First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the "stock plant," is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting. A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season, but keep in mind that the closer it gets to frost, the more difficult it will be to get it to root. Like us, the plant is preparing for winter so act soon!

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material. Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason stem cuttings are taken just after a node.

Terminal cuttings from the growth tip, which are three to four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant. These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go. Play it safe with stout cuttings.

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it is grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem.

Sand, perlite and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as "watery roots" will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on. I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moist-en the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.

Take only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn't occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting. If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur, a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container. I have found that "less is more" when using these products.

When you are ready to "stick" the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first; do not push in with the stem! After the cutting is inserted firm around it well so that it stays in place. Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location.

The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting. Water well, only about once weekly. After a month or so roots will begin to form on the scented geraniums; rosemary and lavender may take six weeks or more. Sweet bay is even slower; it should be rooted within six months.

Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting.

With some luck and good cultural practices through the winter months you will likely have a garden-ready replacement for your favorite tender herbs come springtime.

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Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

A QUOTE

of NOTE

"The fact that we've maintained peace throughout the world in relative terms since World War II is a testament to the fact that we don't ever want to have to land in Normandy again and we don't ever want to have to invade Okinawa again."

Brian Willette, the Massachusetts Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart said in "Ceremony held for Army veteran and two-time Purple Heart recipient"

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Friends, family and fellow veterans honored Phil Girard, a World War II veteran and two-time Purple Heart recipient, on Aug. 15 at South Hadley Town Hall.

Veterans from page 1

itary Order of the Purple Heart, helped organize the event alongside former VFW State Commander Eric Segundo. Willette recognizes the critical significance of honoring all veterans who paved the way for modern America.

“Our world would look a heck of a lot different if they had not done what they did all those years ago,” said Willette. “Really, we cannot do enough to honor their service and their commitment to keeping us free.”

With representatives of multiple veterans’ groups in attendance, the event was surreal for members of Girard’s family who were present. Barbara Hebert, Girard’s daughter, was grateful for the show of support; despite its brutality, she believes strongly that World War II is a conflict worth remembering.

“We’re so happy because we think that this will really help him a lot; to know that people do care,” said Hebert of her father before offering encouragement for youths to learn their history. “It’s very important. Kids today don’t understand what people sacrificed years ago; they just don’t understand it. I think they need to be told. We’re here today because of his generation.”

Willette shares a similar sentiment. He stressed that it is more than necessary for Americans to understand and embrace the sacrifices that were made by service members nearly eight decades ago; it’s imperative.


“We are still connected to World War II and cannot forget the loss of life and all those who were wounded in action. To forget that will lead to a future conflict,” said Willette. “The fact that we’ve maintained peace throughout the world in relative terms since World War II is a testament to the fact that we don’t ever want to have to land in Normandy again and we don’t ever want to have to invade Okinawa again.”

Carey agreed, noting that an emphasis on remembering grows more pertinent as the years pass, causing the




Brian Willette, a South Hadley resident and Purple Heart recipient, speaks while fellow Purple Heart recipient Phil Girard looks on.

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conflict to move further back in history. On a simpler note, he took immense pride in gathering outdoors with like-minded people who value the contributions made by veterans.

“I was thinking during the ceremony that we’ve all been shuttered since March, and you come out and see the flag flying and the garden groomed and the flowers blooming,” said Carey. “It really shows the dedication of the community. Even though we’re trying to stay apart as much as we can, it’s so important that we do come together safely when we can.”

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Eric Segundo, VFW MA Past State Commander, presents World War II veteran Phil Girard with a Certificate of Honor.

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Taking a few hours out of his afternoon, interim Mosier Elementary School Principal Patrick Lemieux met with students and families before school starts in the fall.

New Mosier principal a familiar face

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – Going from Assistant Principal of South Hadley High School to the Principal of Mosier Elementary School Patrick Lemieux has had a change of scenery.

He’s hit the ground running, hosting a meet and greet at the elementary school last week to introduce himself to students and their families.

Lemieux said he served as assistant principal for eight years and “something piqued my interest” about serving for a year at Mosier Elementary School.

“I am a lifelong learner, so I figured I could learn something new serving as interim principal,” he said.

Leading a school during a pandemic as a first-time principal is a challenge Lemieux is already preparing for, including a presentation to the School Committee on his first day as Principal earlier this month.

“I know we have some rough waters ahead, but it’s the same dock with a different ship,” he said. “Looking out for what’s best for the community, parents and kids is what we have to take into account.”

He said the three things he plans to do – confront reality, stay transparent and talk straight to people.

“I think it’s going to be important to focus on communicating with everyone to keep them in the loop about what needs to get done,” he said. “Things are inherently transparent when we’re in school, but with remote learning, everyone reacts differently.”

Lemieux said he has been working with the administration and district leadership to “creating a meaningful experience this year.”

He also held a meet and greet at the schools last week.

“The outpour of support blew me away, it was a fantastic event,” he said. “Selfishly it was nice to see the kids again.”


He said he can’t wait to begin school in the fall.

“The main focus is on the kids and we can’t wait to work with families for families in the district,” Lemieux said. “I’ve been telling folks that my virtual door is always open.”



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With over a dozen cars waiting throughout the afternoon last Wednesday, students and families were able to meet the new principal at Mosier Elementary school, Patrick Lemieux.




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South Hadley Public library update

SOUTH HADLEY – There are new programs being offered at the South Hadley Public libraries.

Story Stroll at Gaylord Memorial Library

Story strolls are a fun way to enjoy reading while spending time outdoors. This is a self-guided tour that community members can enjoy at their leisure. Each book will be left on display for about a month but may be temporarily taken down during times of inclement weather or lawn maintenance. Craft bags will be available on Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m. (while supplies last). Additional story strolls are planned at other town locations, with titles and places to be announced later.

For more information visit <https://gaylordlibrary.org/youth-services/story-stroll/>.

Online programs through Zoom for September.

The events are:

Funerals and planning during the Time of Covid: Presented by Beers and Story Funerals on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Beers and Story will give a presentation on how to plan for a funeral, what has changed with funerals in the time of Covid, and what alternatives to mainstream traditional burials exist. The Zoom sign up link is <https://bit.ly/319mfu9>.

Introduction to Acupressure with Anne Marie Flaherty on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Anne Marie Flaherty professional Acupressurist will give an overview on the basics of acupressure. How you can use acupressure in your everyday life, and how acupressure can improve your mind, body and spirit. The Zoom sign up link is <https://bit.ly/2Eb8hPR>.

Book tasting for adults: learn about a new book or genre on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Have you wanted to try a new book or author, but don’t want to invest hours of time into finding one? Try this 45-minute book tasting of different authors and genres. The Zoom sign up is at <https://bit.ly/324wf7q>.

Please sign up using the library’s website, links included below, or you call 413-538-5045 to sign up.

State Primary election information

Staff report

GRANBY – Voting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School.

Voter Registration

If you are not registered to vote, the last day to register to vote and change party enrollment is Saturday, Aug. 22, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Carnegie Building, or the “old library.”

Due to COVID-19, the Town Hall offices are still by appointment only, you may register with the Town Clerk by appointment, or you can pick up mail in voter registration forms at the Granby Post Office, or download a mail-in voter registration form on the town website. Also, with a valid Massachusetts Drivers’ License or Massachusetts ID you can register online. This can be done by going to our website www.granby-ma.gov go to forms and documents, go under Town Clerk Department, and then voter registration.

Mail in forms must be post marked by Aug. 22 to be eligible to participate in this primary – if you have any doubts about your voter registration please call the town clerk’s office at 413-467-7178.

Early voting by mail

Due to COVID-19, early voting by mail requires no excuse this is “voting by will.”

The last day to file a “Vote by Mail” and an Absentee by Mail application for the Sept. 1, State Primary is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 26.

If you did not receive an application from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Elections Division, you may download an application by going online to the town

website. You may also email the completed application with your signature on it to: kkellyregan@granby-ma.gov this would be the quickest way for your application to be received.

Early voting in person

Early voting in person will be held in the Carnegie Building, also known as the “old public library” at One Library Lane. You can vote early in-person from Aug. 22 to Aug. 28 at the Carnegie Building. The hours for early voting are as follows: Saturday, Aug. 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 24 through Friday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Absentee voting

You must have one of the following reasons to apply for an absentee ballot:

A registered voter who is absent from the voter’s city or town during normal polling hours

A registered voter with a physical disability

COVID-19 reasons

Religious belief;

A non-registered voter who is absent from the state;

An active member of the armed forces or merchant marines, their spouse or dependent,

A person confined in a correctional facility, or a jail, except if by reason of felony conviction

Mail-in absentee applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 26, and last day to vote absentee in-person in the Town Clerk’s office is 12 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, 2020.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Town Clerk, Kathy Kelly-Regan at 413-467-7178.



Last Saturday, Piper Todd Carpenter played “When the Battle’s O’er” at the site of the first bomber crash in Granby in 1944.

Photo by George Randall III

Granby commemorates 75th V-J Day

GRANBY – Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Victory over Japan aka Victory in the Pacific on Saturday, Aug. 15, there was a small ceremony in Granby.

“The world woke to a new peace after it was announced Japan had withdrawn and thus ending World War II,” wrote piper Todd Carpenter. “Bagpipers around the world were asked to pipe one tune at sunrise. The tune’s name was ‘When the Battle’s O’er.’”

There was a local connection as well – a plane crash which killed seven people.

At the location is of the first Bomber Crash in the town of Granby, which occurred on Sept. 17, 1944, Carpenter played the song.

According to the Springfield Union, in the early morning hours of Sept. 17, 1944, “what was described as a ‘heavy bomber,’ possibly a B-24 Liberator, was on a night training flight when it crashed into a thickly wooded area in



The first Bomber Crash in the town of Granby which occurred on Sept. 17, 1944, killing seven people.

Granby, about two miles north of Westover Air Field.”

“The aircraft broke apart on impact and wreckage was reportedly scattered for hundreds of feet,” the article stated. “The area where the crash occurred was on a farm off East Street.”

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New guidance from state would allow fall sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – With new guidance out from the state and several of its agencies, it appears there will be an avenue to play high school sports this fall, though a number of them may not be in the form people will be used to. And “people” may not be allowed to watch them.

Last week, more guidance was issued involving the return to school for students, with Gov. Charlie Baker putting out a new map that uses a traffic signal system to deem certain communities at low, moderate, or higher risk for coronavirus positive test rates.

Baker further recommended that the majority of communities, which are in either the green or alternate white category with almost no positive tests in the past two weeks, should return to school full time.

Only two Western Mass. communities were labeled as “high-risk” in Granby and Holyoke. It is not known if Baker and state health officials or the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will use the map to exclude school districts in high-risk communities from being able to play.

Meanwhile, the MIAA’s COVID-19 Task Force, the Sports Medicine Committee, and other agencies are working with the state to make modifications to certain sports in order to be able to have contests this fall.

Among the sports that are likely to be played are field hockey, cross country, golf, and girls volleyball.

The sports will have to be played with various social distancing and mask requirements, such as for coaches, officials,

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Baseball action









Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

The Western Mass. Wood Bat League, an age 25-and-over league that typically plays from April through August followed by fall league in September and October, was able to start playing in early July and has remained in action since the beginning of Phase 3. Last Sunday morning, the Sultans and Wildcats played a close game at Whitney Park in Ludlow, with the Wildcats prevailing 4-3. Players in the league come from all over the Western Mass. region.

Soccer moved to ‘moderate risk’

With the change, soccer could be played this fall with modifications

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – At the beginning of the summer, soccer, basketball, football, and lacrosse were deemed “high-risk” sports.

These determinations were made at the beginning of July, when Phase 3 of Gov. Charlie Baker’s re-opening plan started.

The designation banned any type of contests from being played, an only allowed for non-contact, socially distant workouts.

Now, soccer has been quietly moved to the “moderate risk” category, paving the way for games in one of the most popular sports in the region to be played.

Last year, Western Massachusetts was well-represented in the state finals, with Westfield, South Hadley, Belchertown all being represented. South Hadley girls, and Belchertown boys soccer both were state champions and were looking forward to defending those titles this fall before the pandemic stopped sports from being played.

Because of the original Phase 3 determinations, the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League was unable to play games, eliminating any chance for area high schoolers to prepare for the fall season. However, if the MIAA makes a determination for what sports will play and when, it could open the door for captains practices to take place provided the players follow the rules.

This fall was supposed to be the final Western Mass. tournament sponsored by the MIAA before the system goes to a statewide tournament.

A proposal for a Western Mass. tournament sponsored by the PVIAC has been placed on the back burner until the pandemic is over.

The state was scheduled to make public some of the guidance for return to play for soccer this week. The MIAA’s COVID-19 Task Force, Tournament Management Committee,

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Owl Tournament raises funds for WSU sports

WESTFIELD – The 14th Annual Owl Club Golf Tournament brought together Westfield State athletics alumni, parents, coaches and sponsors for a day of fundraising and fun at the Ranch Golf Club on Monday, Aug. 3.

Westfield Bank served as the lead sponsor of the event, joined by Whalley Computer Associates, Barnes and Noble College Bookstores, and Real Dry Waterproofing.

A group that included football alumni Wayne McGillicuddy, Eric Washburn, Dan Leterriello and friend Corey Nevins won the tournament with a 13-under par 59. The group eagled the first hole after McGillicuddy hit an approach shot two inches from the cup, and never looked back en route to the standout round of the day.

Women’s lacrosse coach Jeff Pechulis’ group took second with a score of 60, partnering with Peter Clark, and lacrosse parents Paul Barrett and Sean Gearin. They won a match of cards with a group featuring alumni Jack Mosko, Matt Barry and Richard Joseph.

Current Owls’ baseball player Sean Moorhouse topped the men’s long drive competition on 16, and Katie Sylvain won the women’s long drive. Don Cretella and Jack Sheerin won the closest to the pin contests.

A total of 22 groups and 88

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Sam Rameau picks up big Tri Track win

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Sam Rameau used a pass of Ron Silk in the second half of Saturday's Tri Track Open Modified Series race at Monadnock Speedway to seal the deal.

The Westminster, Massachusetts, native earned his first career Tri Track win in thrilling fashion, holding off some of the country's best Modified talent over the final stretch of the third race of the season.

Rameau pocketed a \$6,000 check with the victory as part of a lucrative purse that was over \$40,000. It was the second stop of the season at the Winchester, New Hampshire, oval for Tri Track.

"We put a lot of work into this," Rameau said. "A lot of people don't know that its my full-time job to prepare these race cars. I put my heart and soul into this. The emotions are high."

The final corner was nearly a repeat of the July 5 Tri Track race at Monadnock. While Rameau took the top spot from Silk on lap 72, and looked to be driving off to victory, a caution flag with just four laps to go doubled the field back up. Rameau spun his tires on the restart, but got

away, before another quick caution stopped the action.

Although Rameau hit the final restart perfectly, he couldn't quite get away from Ronnie Williams.

Williams, the two-time and defending SK Modified champion at Stafford Motor Speedway, drove deep into turn three, slammed the back of the No. 06 Central Mass Tree machine of Rameau, and lost control. Williams would spin as the car dropped fluid, while the rest of the field rushed to find a way around. Some made it, some didn't.

Monadnock Speedway NH-TRA Modified regular Brian Robie escaped the final corner carnage to finish second, while Matt Hirschman, a winner at Star Speedway on July 25, finished third. Woody Pitkat drove the Stan Mertz prepared No. 6 to a fourth-place finish, with Anthony Nocella finishing the top-five. Matthew Kimball was sixth, followed by Craig Lutz, Ron Silk, Carl Medeiros Jr. and Austin Kochenash.

Thirty-one cars attempted to qualify for the Monadnock 100, with 26 of them taking the



Brian Robie placed second in the Tri Track race last weekend at Monadnock Speedway

green flag in the feature. Austin Kochenash, Brian Robie, Matt Hirschman and Kirk Alexander picked up an extra \$300 each for winning heat races part of the Pepsi Challenge. Woody Pitkat would collect the Hard Charger award courtesy of Green Construction, a \$500 bonus.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series returns to the track on

Saturday, October 24, with the series debut at Stafford Motor Speedway in Connecticut. The announcement of the Stafford event was made on Saturday in the drivers meeting. The Stafford Springs Modified Classic will round out the 2020 slate for Tri Track.

For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series,

visit tritrackmodifieds.com and follow the series on social media.

RESULTS: Tri Track Open Modified Series; Monadnock Speedway; August 15, 2020:

1. Sam Rameau
2. Brian Robie
3. Matt Hirschman
4. Woody Pitkat
5. Anthony Nocella
6. Matt Kimball
7. Craig Lutz
8. Ron Silk
9. Carl Medeiros Jr.
10. Austin Kochenash
11. Les Hinckley
12. Matt Swanson
13. Tommy Barrett
14. Ronnie Williams
15. Richard Savary
16. Kirk Alexander
17. Dave Sapienza
18. Cameron Sontag
19. TJ Bleau
20. Derek Robbie
21. Calvin Carroll
22. Ben Byrne
23. Ryan Doucette
24. Chase Dowling
25. Chris Pasteryak
26. Anthony Sesely
27. Kurt Vigeant

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players registered for the event, which was held in a slightly different format in order to make concessions to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"We moved to a tee-time format to avoid a big crowd at registration, so that the players streamed through in 1's and 2's, and many of the players took advantage of our online registration, which helped to limit contact and cash handling at the event itself," said Dave Caspole, Associate Director of Athletics. "Each player had an individual cart, all the staff and players wore masks at registration, and we served lunch on the course so that we could

avoid having a crowd in any one area. The staff at the Ranch did a great job in helping us set up safe protocols that still let our players come out and enjoy a great day on the course."

"It was great to have a chance to see so many alumni and friends come out to support Owls' athletics," said Caspole. "We will total about \$14,000 raised to support our varsity athletic teams today, which is great considering we had to reduce the field due to the pandemic, and some of our regular participants were not able to travel this year, but we look forward to having a full field again next year if we are back to a more normal mode of operations."

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and Sports Medicine Committees will all make recommendations to the MIAA Board of Directors on the best way to proceed for soccer once all the guidance has been issued and has an opportunity to be evaluated for feasibility.

With the current timeline in place, it is likely the soccer season, typically 16-18 games in Western Massachusetts, will be reduced to 10-12 games and could be limited to certain geographic areas to limit travel.

Paik wins Amateur golf championship

ESSEX — Allison Paik, 18, of Ledgemont Country Club, has defeated Anne Walsh, 18, of The Country Club, by a score of 7&6 to win the 117th Massachusetts Amateur Championship following Friday's 18-hole Championship Match at Essex County Club in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts. It's the largest margin of victory in the Championship Match in the past decade.

Both players have committed to playing for Columbia University's women's golf team. This is the first Women's Amateur Championship win for Paik, a Sharon resident who graduated Wheeler School in Providence. Paik never had to play all 18 holes in her four match play contests. She played a combined 56 holes in those

matches, winning 25 of them. Walsh, of Jamaica Plain, finished runner-up for the second consecutive year. Last year, she lost to Angela Garvin in the Championship Match, 4&3. This year, she won Mass Golf's Ouimet Memorial Tournament champion and finished runner-up at the Massachusetts Girls' Junior Amateur Championship.

In Semifinal matches this morning, Walsh defeated Rebecca Skoler (Pine Brook Country Club) in 21 holes, and Paik defeated Mary Mulcahy (Hatherly Country Club), 4&3. Match Summary: Allison Paik put on a stellar putting performance as she won five holes with five birdies on the front nine, including three of the first four holes. She needed to play just three more holes to

close out the match. On the 12th hole, Walsh overshot the green and missed her par attempt. That allowed Paik to chip on and then make her par putt. President's Cup: Alexandra Pool (Pine Brook Country Club) won the President's Cup for the first time. Pool, 15, a Boston native, defeated Wellesley's Pam Kuong (Charles River Country Club), 2&1, closing the match out with a par on the 17th hole. Kuong, 59, won the 2019 Mass Golf Anne Marie Tobin Women's Player of the Year Award.

The President's Cup consisted of players who finished 17-32 in stroke play qualifying, which took place Tuesday and Wednesday. The Championship Flight featured players seeded 1-16.

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and players on the bench. There will also be contact restrictions and other modifications these sports will have to adopt in order to have contests. The exact modifications will be determined in the next few weeks.

One thing that will not happen is the return of sports before students return to school, in whatever form that is.

The MIAA will vote on a recommendation from the Sports Medicine Committee not to start practices until school has started.

“We determined that it did not really make sense to have extracurricular activities before getting the kids back in school,” said one committee member.

As of now, Sept. 16 is a date that has been floated around for a start to practices. This could still put the start of contests around Oct. 1. Teams would likely play a modified season with fewer games, something that was going to be attempted with spring sports before the governor shut down schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

One sport that may not be played, however, is football.

Because of the amount of close contact, many modifications to the game have been recommended, including no tackling or otherwise any contact. It is essentially being suggested that Massachusetts schools play touch-only football this fall.

The MIAA is considering a number of possibilities, including deferring the season to a point in the year where it could be played with fewer restrictions.

All of the committees will be meeting in the near future to discuss the most recent guidance from the state.

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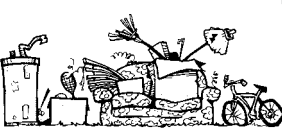
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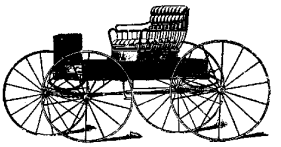
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EARLY VOTING from page 5 do not arrive with one.

Upon reaching the library to partake in an early voting session, voters will enter through the building's front entrance and proceed left to one of several standing spots that will allow for social distancing. Then, voters will check in with a town employee, who will be protected by a shield and be wearing a mask and gloves.

"You'll be asked for your name and address. If you're already registered with the party, you'll be given the primary ballot for that party. If you are unenrolled or independent, you'll be able to choose which party's primary ballot you'll receive. You'll also receive an early voting envelope and a pencil, which is for your use only," said Mandrachia.

Next, voters will proceed to the back of the Community Room near the windows that

overlook the Connecticut River where they'll enter a voting booth. The booth will be sanitized when each voter exits.

After signing the ballot, inserting the into an envelope and submitting it into a box, voters will exit the building through the side door that leads to the outside flagpole. Mandrachia assured voters that "no one will see your ballot but you."

The purpose of the video tutorials is to "educate and communicate," said Mandrachia. She listed the many benefits of early voting, outlining several factors that could influence a resident to vote early.

"There are many reasons why you might choose in-person early voting," said Mandrachia. "It can be easier for those with disabilities, for those who like to take some extra time marking their ballot or for reasons of personal convenience. This year, especially, those who want to vote in person but want to avoid

the crowds at the high school might choose early voting."

Individuals who have submitted mail-in ballots will not be permitted to vote twice. Mandrachia emphasized that the deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is quickly approaching.

"If you wish to vote by mail, your application must be received by Aug. 26. Once your application arrives in the Town Clerk's Office, it will be processed and the vote by mail ballot sent to you," she said.

Sept. 1 is the deadline for mail-in ballots to be postmarked or for hand delivered ballots to be deposited to the secure drop box located outside of Town Hall at the rear of the police station.

The next episode of SHCTV's voting series is scheduled to air the week prior to Election Day and will focus on in-person voting, which will occur inside South Hadley High School on Sept. 1.

A small gesture



Ethan Day took it upon himself to make a big 'thank you' sign to the officer working across the street with the downed power line after the storm on Wednesday. "After the work was done, he came and said thank you and have him a patch," Maggie Day, Ethan's mom said. "He is so happy right now he is practically vibrating. We didn't catch his name unfortunately but give a big thank you for sure."

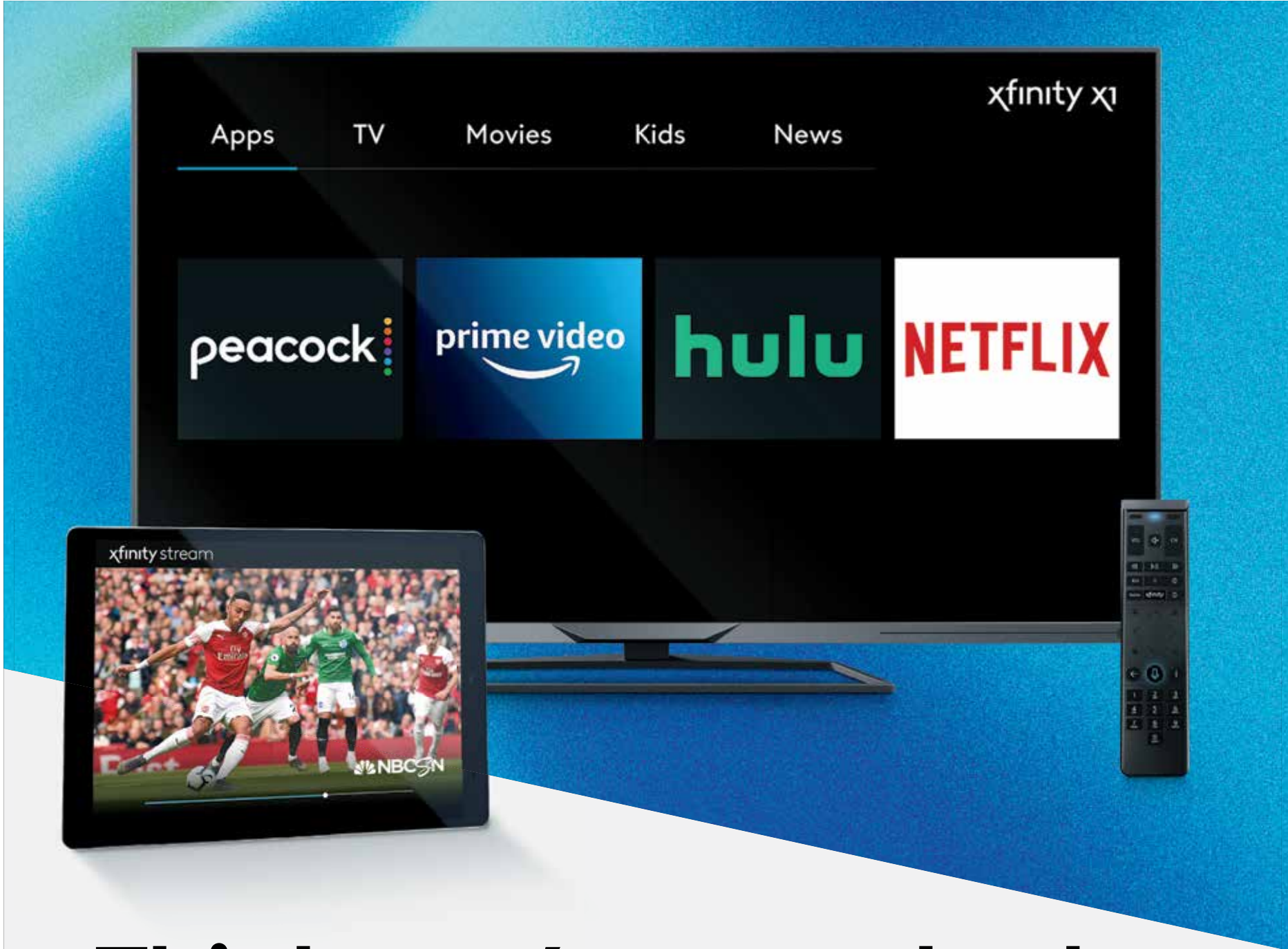
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